

Regulations should be the minimal necessary. Now, the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to have their stations broadcast a one-sided partisan "documentary" shortly before a national election violates public interest by giving excess power of influence to a small group of broadcasting owners.

Sinclair uses public airways free of charge, and in this instance they clearly violate their obligation to serve public interest. At the very least, in-kind contribution to the opposing side would seem equitable --- IF it is truly in-kind. However, even this would violate protection of local communities! This is a devastating instance of the way weak media ownership rules undermine the integrity of democracy. Greater attention to license renewal processes would be a fitting safeguard for the public interest!

Thank you for your consideration.